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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Place Names in the U.S.S.R. -- Publication titled 'U.S.S.R. Locations'

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1. [redacted] of the Industrial Register, OCR, called on 31 October with reference to possible duplication on an OCR publication dealing with place names in the U.S.S.R. He explained that it listed only names pertaining to industrial areas in the U.S.S.R. and was compiled from information filed in and received by the Industrial Register. He stated that [redacted] had raised a question as to whether it was not encroaching upon the NIS Gazetteer program. At my request [redacted] sent over a copy of the publication questioned which is titled "U.S.S.R. Locations." It is noted that this is the third edition dated 1 February 1956. It is restricted to "Official Use Only." 25X1A9a

2. On examination of the publication it was <sup>found</sup> that it contained roughly about 13,000 names of places in the U.S.S.R. having industrial activities of interest to the Industrial Register. The listing gives the political subdivision in which the area is located, the coordinates, and the WAC number. This WAC number indicates the aeronautical chart on which the location has been posted.

3. The conclusion reached after examining this publication in coordination with Capt. Knowles and [redacted] was that it is in the nature of a finding list rather than a gazetteer, and that it serves chiefly as an internal working tool for the Industrial Register and other Government activities interested in this specialized field. This conclusion was passed on to [redacted] with the statement that we did not consider it an encroachment upon the NIS Gazetteer program. 25X1A9a 144

4. I informed [redacted] that the NIS Gazetteer on the U.S.S.R. is now in the process of revision and that publication of the revised gazetteer is expected some time in FY 1959. I advised him further that the revised NIS Gazetteer will contain approximately 300,000 names, and when it is issued it may quite possibly serve their purpose to the extent that publication of this finder list would be unnecessary.

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5. I told him that we would be interested in receiving a copy of any new edition they might put out, and he agreed to put us on their distribution list so that a copy will be sent to us automatically. He said normally they got them out about once a year. The copy which [REDACTED] passed on for review has been sent to the Fabrication Division with the suggestion that it be brought to the attention of BGN for whatever use it may be to them. 25X1A9a

cc: Ck/D/P